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Work Among the Blind.

F. E. Cleaveland, president of the Association to Promote the Education and Employment of the Blind, spoke on the subject of work among the blind people of the United States last night at Metropolitan M. E. Church. Mr. Cleaveland has been in the city for some time in the interest of a local branch of the general association. Rev. H. N. Couden, the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives, also spoke the House of Representatives, also spoke on the subject. Misses A. D. Murray and E. Louise Pattison, and Mr. H. R. W. Miles, talented young blind people, ren-dered a musical program. Books for Christmas.

A choice Christmas gift is a book, and those who intend to delight their friends with this kind of a present will be glad to know that the splendid collection of holiday books at Brentano's, Pennsylvania avenue and 11th street, is being offered at sweep ing reductions from publishers' prices. In addition to books, this house, as is well known, carries a fine line of stationery and

Former Representative James N. Pid-cock, for twenty years a democratic leader in New Jersey, died at his home in White House, N. J., yesterday.

CURRENCY DEBATE CLOSED

Exciting Scenes in the House Saturday

Abandoning Free Silver and Are Met With Denials.

An exciting scene was witnessed in the the six days' debate on the currency bill. Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) obtained the floor for five minutes, which he occupied in taunting the democrats for their evident desire to abandon free silver at 16 to 1. During the six days' debate, he said, the House had heard no arguments for free silver and he humorously hailed it as a sign of the coming regeneration of the party. In conclusion he said that out of the debate had come the settled conviction on both sides of the House that the enactment of the pending measure would put into law the policy which had governed and guided the country for nearly thirty

Mr. Richards indignantly denied Mr.Grosvenor's assertion of the proposed abandonment of the issue of free silver. He said that if the gentleman from Ohio had followed the denate he must have heard some strong speeches in favor of free silver. He called attention to the fact that but one section of the bill had been read, and charged that the special order, which did not permit the offering of a substitute or a motion to recommit, had been framed for the especial purpose of preventing the offering of a free silver substitute.

"Does the gentleman desire to offer such a substitute?" asked Mr. Overstreet (Ind.).

"The ruie was framed to prevent one from doing so and the debate has been deliberately conducted with the same end in view," responded Mr. Richardson.

The republicans laughed derisively as Mr. Richardson went on to characterize Mr. Grosvenor's covert charge as a cheap attempt at political capital, which was beneath the dignity of a great party. He invelghed against the hypocrisy of the other side.

"You tied our hands," said he, "in the ears.
Mr. Richards indignantly denied Mr.Gros-

"You tied our hands," said he, "in the beginning. This bill is a bill to establish the gold, standard and break down bimetalism forever. The free coinage of silver is set involved."

ilism forever. The free colnage of silver is not involved."

Then Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) took the floor, and in half a minute the House was in a furor. He pointed out that any democrat could have demanded the reading of the bill and, referring to Mr. Richardson's charge of hypocrisy, he waked the cchoes as he said: "I hurl back the charge. You do not dare." he shouted, shaking his finger defiantly at the other side, "not one of you dares or would dare if you had the opportunity, to offer a free colnage amendment and risk a vote upon it. No gentleman on the other side is so much a leader that he would dare expect to rally his cohorts upon that proposition."

A dozen democrats jumped to their feet as Mr. Dalzell concluded.

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.), Mr. Williams (Miss.), were all clamoring for recognition, but Mr. Hepburn (1a), who was in the chair, recognized Mr. Dolliver.

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Dolliver.

The Iowan looked across the aisle when order had been restored. "Before I begin," said he, blandly, "I will agree to yield the floor if any gentleman on the other side desires to offer a free coinage amendment."

Democrats Want the Floor.

Almost half the democratic side seemed to rise en masse. Mr. Bailey was foremost. "I ask it," he called; "I ask it," I ask it," shouted others, amid wild cheers on the democratic side. "Dozens of us ask the privilege," cried Mr. Williams. "We challenge you for the opportunity."

Brushing down one of the side aisles came Mr. Driggs (N. Y.), shouting, "I object, I object."

"Does the gentleman want any further evidence?" called Mr. Williams.

The confusion was indescribable. Mr. Hepburn pounded with his gavel, while the republicans seemed to be enjoying the shouted others, amid wild cheers on the

republicans seemed to be enjoying the scene of discord Mr. Dolliver had aroused. When order was restored Mr. Dolliver yielded to Mr. Balley, who preferred a request for unanimous consent. "The gentle-man from Texas," said Mr. Hepburn from the chair, "well knows that in committee it is not competent to entertain a request to change the order under which the House

The Committee Rises.
"Your biuff is called," shouted Mr. Wil-

liams, his index finger pointing at Mr. Dolliver, while the democrats cheered lustily. Meantime the hour of 5 o'clock arrived, and the committee rose and reported the

and the committee rose and reported the bill to the House without amendment.

Mr. Lentz (Ohio) asked whether it would be in order for him to ask unanimous consent to offer an amendment to the tenth section, to provide that any individual, as well as a bank, might deposit bonds with the treasury and receive their par value in currency. To this the Speaker replied in the negative.

the negative.

Thereupon Mr. Overstreet asked unanimous consent that the special order under which the House was operating be so amended as to allow a substitute providing for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 to be offered. Instantly Mr. Driggs (N.Y.), who had not relinquished his position on the right of the chair, shouted "I object." Mr. Levy (N. Y.), from the rear of the hall, also objected.

"Objection is made," announced the Speaker, amid a shriek of republican laughter. The House was then, at 5:05 o'clock, declared adjourned, under the terms of the special order.

BEFORE TRIAL OFFICER.

Three Policemen Charged With Dereliction of Duty.

Three policemen were before Trial Offier Pugh Saturday for alleged violations of the rules of the manual. Private J. N. Barry of the first precinct admitted that he entered a lunch room one night and got a hot cup of coffee. The lunch room was icross the street from his beat, and he went there, he said, in preference to enterwent there, he said, in preference to enter-ing a place where liquor is sold. He does eight hours' duty, and he was in the lunch room fifteen minutes. Inspector Pearson, who complained against him, denied that he had ever given the officer permission to

nter the lunch room.
Policeman L. J. O'Dea of the hinth pre Policeman L. J. O'Dea of the ninth pre-cinct was complained against by Sergt. Falvey because he showed the effects of a dose of whisky, alleged to have been taken for medicinal purposes. The sergeant, as well as Lieuts. Daley and McCathran, gave the officer the benefit of an excellent repu-tation. It was shown that he had not used any liquor for four years until the occasion charged. He complained to the lieutenant that he was sick, and rather than take a sick card he took a drink of whisky. On the occasion charged he did not neglect his duty.

Policeman John A. Pearson of the eighth precinct entered a plea of guilty to a

cinct entered a plea of guilty to a rge of entering a milk dairy and lunch m and drinking a cup of coffee while on y. He remained longer than was necessy to drink the coffee, because a man in dairy discussed an assault case with

No Changes in Contemplation. Mr. H. H. Darneille, the District assessor, stated today that no changes have been made in his office, neither has he at present decided to recommend any. Judging ent decided to recommend any. Judging from the number of applications filed, he thinks the public must believe he has some plums to dispense, which, he says, is not the case, as all appointments are made by the Commissioners, and applications for appointment should be made direct to them.

Railway Crossing Repaired. The Monroe street crossing of the Baltinore and Ohio railroad in Anacostia, which has been regarded for a long time as dangerous to bicyclists and calculated to do damage to vehicles, has been placed in a safe condition. A request was made to the District Commissioners that this be done, and, upon notification, the railroad company, it is said, had the work performed.

American Medical Ethics. According to arrangement, the annual ad-

iress of the president of the Medical So ciety of the District, Dr. Samuel C. Busey, will be given under the auspices of the Washington Academy of Sciences in the hail of the Columbian University, 15th and H streets, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject of the address will be "American Medical Ethics." Hecht's Greater Stores.

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Board of Supervisors.

Interest of Good Roads-Gen-

eral News.

the arrangement for submitting to popular

vote the question of bonding Alexandria

county for \$150,000. A bill recently passed

the state legislature authorizing this action

in the interest of better public thorough-

It is expected that the matter, when pre-

sented, will attract a large vote, for, al-

though there is much concern respecting

better county roads, it is said many are

Pastor to Resign.

byterian Church has announced to his con-

gregation his favorable consideration of a

all from the Second Presbyterian Church

of Norfolk, Va. The matter will receive at-

ention at a congregational meeting Wed-

Rev. Mr. Thacker has been pastor of the local church for about three years, having been called from a charge in Louisville, Ky., to succeed the Rev. Theron H. Rice.

Agricultural and Industrial Meeting.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Agricultural and Industrial

Fair Association of Northern Virginia to be

held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in

the rooms of the Business Men's League.

Representatives are expected from Alex andria, Fairfax and Prince William coun-ties and the city of Alexandria. The ques-

tion of where the proposed fair grounds shall be located will come up for decision. It is understood that a lot in or near Alex-andria will be selected.

General and Personal.

Funeral services over the remains of

Samuel Redman, who died Saturday, took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the

late home of the deceased in New Alexandria. Rev. J. H. Butler of the First Bap-

tist Church officiated. Interment was made

in Bethel cemetery. Deceased was a con-

federate veteran, having served during the

civil war in the 6th Virginia Regiment. He

Mayor Simpson disposed of the following cases in the police court this morning:

Charles Shankin, Jolin Jordan, Russell

Butcher, John Green and Robert Webster,

all colored, were arraigned to answer the charge of shooting crap. A fine of \$5 was imposed in each case. William Kelley, charged with assaulting Bertie Givens, was assessed \$5. The charge of disorderly conduct against the Givens woman was dismissed.

Legion of Loyal Women,

the Legion of Loyal Women held this

Lady Slightly Injured.

Mrs. J. E. Davenport, who resides at the

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Rev. J. Ernest Thacker of the Second Pres-

opposed to the measure.

nesday evening.

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Pianos.

District Organizations Choose Officers

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

for Ensuing Terms, Encampment No. 23, U. V. L., held its annual election Thursday evening last, with Postponement of the Meeting of County Question of Bonding the County in

the following result: Stanton Weaver, colonel; A. B. Mackenzie, lieutenant colonel; Jacob Persinger, major; Byron W. Bonney, quartermaster; Dr. Wm. H. H. Price, surgeon; Rev. Ira Brashears, chaplain; Napo-leon Gates, officer of the day, and Lemuel Adams, trustee. Public installation will occur January 11.

The following have been elected as offi-

cers of Scott Council, No. 458, National Union, for the ensuing year: President, James N. Sparks; vice president, Geo. S. Livingston; speaker, B. DeK. Sampsell; secretary, John H. Bell; financial secretary, B. F. Chase; treasurer, W. W. Case; chaplain, G. A. Gilliland; usher, Chas. B. Wise; sergeant-at-arms, R. L. Whitcomb; door-keeper, Wm. W. Baley; trustees, Geo. M. keeper, Wm. W. Baley; trustees, Ge. M. Moore, J. P. Matthews and H. Weber; delegates to cabinet, James P. Burrill and John H. Bell; delegate to Immediate Relief Association, Charles Reed; delegate to D. C. F. Ben. Societies, James P. Matthews.

The Johnson School. To the Editor of The Evening Star: The Johnson School on Grant and School

streets, Mt. Pleasant, is again under the ban of disease, and more than twenty children are down with some kind of fever, supposed to have been contracted from their visits to this building. Lately experts have been investigating the sanitary condition of sewer, heating and airing of the school building. Now, my opinion is that the source of danger lies outside. All these poor excuses for streets leading to the school are only mud holes in the truest sense of the word. After any rain these mud holes turn into mud lakes. The children going to school have to wade through the mud and dirt. Is it any wonder children get sick sitting for hours crowded in the school room with mud-soaked shoes and skirts? It seems to me an almost criminal neglect in which this section is left in regard to grading, carbstones, gutter or pavements. Only surface draining, no sewer traps, although a sewer is in the street. Only mud holes, fed year in year out with stagnant water. Any business man would be held in contempt to keep his place in such a shameful state of raud and dirt as this school property is. Furthermore, both School and Grant streets are provided with sewer and water, but permit the impertment question: Why is it that the argus eyes of the police and health departments do not perceive that several houses in close proximity to the school are without any sewer connection, but that the drainage of these houses and stables goes ad libitum into the street? Around the school several stables containing horses and cows are located, but without proper sewerage.

CARL HOFFMANN. been investigating the sanitary condition of sewer, heating and airing of the school

University Class at a Smoker. The senior class of the National Uni-

versity Law School held its first smoker Saturday evening at Faber's Hall. Mr. Dean Swift acted as toastmaster in the absence of Mr. Green, the president of the class, and called upon every one for a speech. The members responded generally. The following were present: G. E. Fowler, F. Havall, R. D. Chase, Chas, T. Grout,

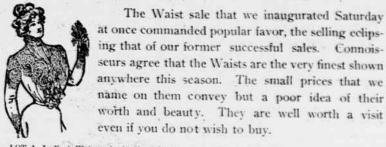
G. F. Havall, R. D. Chase, Chas. T. Grout, Edwin S. Hege, Harrison Nesblt, Gus A. Schult, W. B. Denby, H. Coope, Dean Swift, C. H. Brush, J. A. F. Esslinger, B. A. Lewis, S. D. Scudder, Otis C. Gossage, B. N. Kohler, H. B. Dodge, E. West, A. H. Davidson, Caeser Kleberg, H. F. Riley, C. I. Simms, J. W. Wilson, J. B. Reed, W. Jessup, E. C. Roots, E. C. Merfdith, C. McKercher, L. H. LaChance, E. F. Holbrook, J. K. Palmer, E. M. Stockton, Alex. N. Brecklnridge, W. E. Richardson and O. B. Dowel.

missed.

Traffic over the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon railroad was interrupted last evening by the derailment of a northbound train near Spring Park, just north of Alexandria. The tracks had become loosened by the action of water and were caused to spread, throwing the trucks off. A wrecking train sent out from Four-Mile Run repaired the damage. No one was injured. Dr. Witmer's Condition Improving. The condition of Dr. A. H. Witmer, first assistant physician at the Government Hospital for the Insane, who has been critically ill of late, his attack dating from Novem-There will be an adjourned meeting of ber 1 last, continues to improve. The pa-tient is now able to sit up for brief periods. evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Legion Hall, at A trip south is, it is understood, being arranged for Dr. Witmer, to begin when he is able to bear the fatigue of traveling. which it is expected every member will be present, as arrangements will be made for New Year day.

Capt. Shufeldt Detained.

Capt. R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. A., retired, has been enjoined by the War Department Varnum Hotel, was thrown from a Metrofrom leaving the limits of the department politan car at 7th street and Florida avenue Saturday and slightly injured. She was taken to the hotel in a carriage. of the east until action has been taken in a divorce suit now pending against him in the civil courts of Maryland.



name on them convey but a poor idea of their worth and beauty. They are well worth a visit even if you do not wish to buy. LOT 1-Ladies', Waists, in black, colored and striped faffeths and black satin, new designs; blacks are hemselfeched; some have stitched collars and estitched fancy entits. Coloss include automobile, lavender, light blue, cerise, garnet, pule green, also plain black. Many of them have new yoke effects. Not a waist in the lot that would not be chean.

LOT 2-Ladies' Walsts, in plain black taffeta, taffeta with hongaline stripe, heavy gross grain, with embreidered satin polka dots, pinin colored taffeta, with embreidered spin polka dots, new style tucking, straight up and down; some are tucked all over and have diagonal lines of stitching, cuffs of various designs; some small and stitched, others tucked; sphendid colors and color combinations, including light blue, automobile, violet, new hone pink, lavenuer, turquois, some have method white taffeta yokes. Walsts \$7.08 LOT 3 Finest Imported French Flamel Walsts, superbly made and finished; some are plain, others of tucked yoke; all have separate collars and slik neckbands. The colors are rich in tone and embrace all this seasons, favority

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TO PREVENT LEAKS.

Attention of War Department Clerks Called to the Rules. equence of the publication of so action of the War Department which it was intended should not become known at present the Secretary of War has deemed It necessary to issue the following circular

"The attention of all officers and employes on duty in the War Department o in any of the bureaus thereof is invited to the provisions of section 5498 of the Re vised Statutes, which prohibits the giving of any information, other than in the dis charge of official duty, to aid or assist in

the prosecution or support of any claim against the United States. Attention is also invited to the following extract from War Department orders of May 15, 1894:

"'XII. No information, written or oral, shall be directly or indirectly communicated respecting the business of the department or any of the records pertaining ment, or any of the records pertaining directly or indirectly thereto, to any person whatsoever not on duty in one of the bureaus of the department, without the express authority of the chief of the bureau oncerned.'
"The official records and business of the

"The official records and business of the department are strictly confidential, and are not to be disclosed to any one nor made the subject of conversation out of the office or in the office, except so far as necessary to the proper discharge of the public business. The provisions of this circular must be strictly observed, and any violation of it will be reported for the action of the Secretary of War."

THE LUNAR ECLIPSE. Satisfactory Scientific Results of Ob-

servation Were Lucking. The almost total eclipse of the moon which accurred Saturday night between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock was closely observed at the United States naval observatory, Georgetown Heights. While the entire surface of the moon was apparently covered, there was enough of a rim left to largely defeat the accomplishment of any satisfactory scientific results. The nava scientists, however, made observations o the occultation of eighteen of the fain stars that lay in the path of the shadow, and the results will be compared with those of similar observations made in dif-ferent parts of the world. The eclipse was not given much importance and for that reason there was no concerted effort at ob-servation among astronomers. GREAT DISTRESS IN PERSIA.

The Poor May Face Starvation on Ac-

United States Minister Bowen in Persia informs the State Department that great distress prevails in Persia in consequence of the high price of bread, putting it beyond the means of the poor. He says the situation is growing worse every day, and that the prospects are that the poor will be tire winter. American missionaries cannot obtain bread enough for their servants or for the schools and hospitals under their are. Minister Bowen asks that the situation

Minister Bowen asks that the situation be made known to the American people, with the suggestion that contributions of money be sent by draft on the Imperial Bank of Persia at Teheran, made payable to the order of Rev. Lewis F. Esseistyn, senior American missionary, who will use it for the relief of the suffering poor. Entertainment for the Blind.

Entertainment for the blind will be afforded at Congressional Library by persons named on dates given: Monday (today) Mrs. Jessie Pearson: Tuesday, Decem ber 19, Mrs. Mary Lawton; Wednesday, De-cember 29, Mrs. Hattie Meade Smith, Miss Katie Grady (musical); Thursday, December 21, Rev. Frank Sewell; Friday, December 22, Mr. Heury C. Ames; Saturday, December 23, Mr. Andrew Downing.

Medical Officers to Meet Here. The Secretary of War has ordered a board

of medical officers, consisting of Col. Dallas Bache and Majors L. A. La Garde and E. C. Carter, to meet at the Army Medical Museum building in this city January 3 next for the examination of Capts. Wm. J. Wakeman, Wm. Stephenson and Adrian S. Polhemus for promotion.

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